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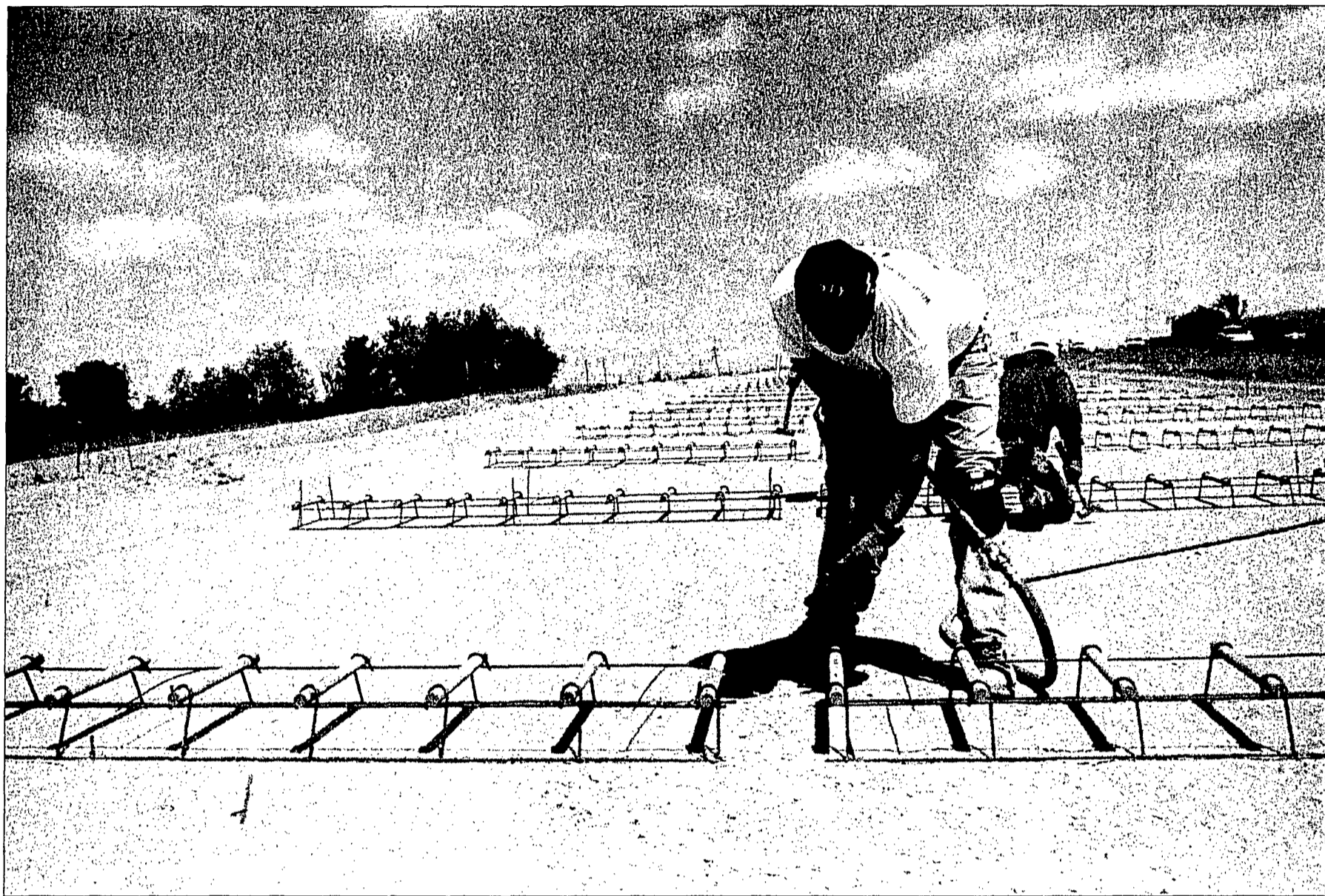
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Shannon Martin, Illinois Valley Paving laborer, tacks down dowel bars on U.S. Highway 71. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2003, but currently the construction employees are working on the most southern portion of the highway. Drivers will be able

to travel the new highway to Highway 48 by next year and to Pumpkin Center by the end of next year, according to Larry Jacobsen, Missouri Department of Transportation resident engineer.

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Highway 71 reaches turn

By Burton Taylor
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The process of paving U.S. Highway 71, between Maryville and St. Joseph, started Tuesday and will continue from the southern portion of the route until the four-lane highway is complete.

Before crews could begin laying concrete, many steps had to take place to prepare the land for the final stages of development.

Drivers heading to St. Joseph may have noticed gravel and steel bars laying across the road which are two of the stages. The gravel is base rock and is distributed as a base for the concrete. The steel bars, called dowel bars, are used to prevent the concrete, once laid, from shifting vertically, but instead horizontally, said Larry Jacobsen, Missouri Department of Transportation resident engineer.

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LARRY JACOBSEN
MoDOT RESIDENT ENGINEER

The paving of Highway 71 marks a turning point for the project, Jacobsen said. It is the part of the process where people begin to notice the progress.

"This will be the last project and it feels good to be completing it and finally getting traffic on it," Jacobsen said.

While paving at the most southern end of the highway continues, distribution of base rock and dowel bars will stay one step ahead.

In order to do so, the crews will have to put in more hours of steel work than actual paving, said Darrel Hill, Illinois Valley Paving labor foreman.

"We are going to start paving (Tuesday) and they'll pave for a few days and then work on steel," Hill said. "You might work for a month (on steel) and pave for a week."

Although a long process, the pro-

duction of the highway will continue through 2003 until it reaches Maryville, Jacobsen said.

However, there will be two major breaks where travelers will be able to access the highway before it is totally complete.

The first paving phase will reach Highway 48 by the end of this year. The second will stretch to Pumpkin Center and will be able to be driven on by next year, Jacobsen said.

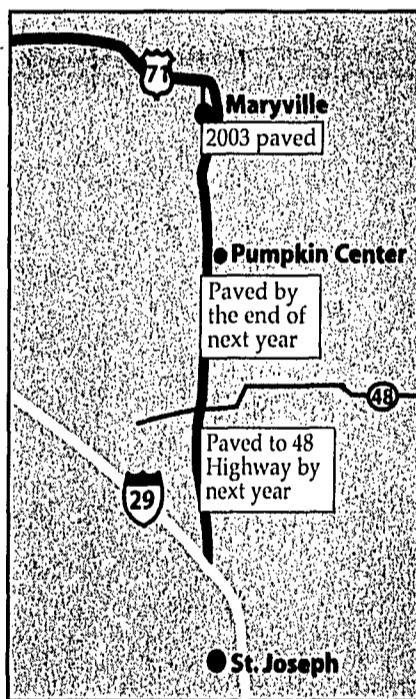
Jacobsen said progress has been better than normal in recent months.

"Right now with the dry weather and the way that has been we are ahead of schedule at this point," he said.

Another aspect of the project that will help solve the problem is the possible allowance of more money, Jacobsen said.

"The governor signed a bonding agreement and if possible we'd like to accelerate the progress," he said.

Other than that, Jacobsen said in order to continue on a steady pace he and the rest of the crew will need continued good weather.



Minors in bars to be discussed

Citizens group will evaluate history of alcohol problems in Maryville

By Burton Taylor
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Underage admittance to drinking establishments in Maryville will be re-evaluated by a citizen's committee directed by Mayor Dale Mathes.

In the past six months two bars or taverns, Lucky's and Molly's, have been temporarily closed because of the sale of alcohol to minors, which City Manager David Angerer said fueled the city administration's interest.

"The city has been concerned with the amount of arrests made in taverns and bars which cater to those age groups," Angerer said.

The purpose of the committee will be to make recommendations to the Maryville City Council on how it might resolve any problems with the sale of alcohol to minors.

The committee, chaired by Mathes, is comprised of six other Maryville residents Amy Klass, Brett White, Arnold Lindaman, Bridget Brown, Chip Strong and Sandy Lamer. The group has already convened once and is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. June 29 at City Hall.

Mathes said the panel will be able to effectively assess the city's current alcohol ordinances and the situation at hand.

"Each member of the committee was selected due to his or her experience or expertise in this area," Mathes said. "We're happy that these people agreed to help us and I'm confident that they'll point us in the right direction."

Assisting the committee with its investigation will be Angerer, Public Safety Director Keith Wood, City Attorney David Baird and City Prosecutor Pat McLaughlin.

Wood said he is more than happy to help because of the interest the residents of Maryville have shown concerning the issue.

"My personal observation is the number of incidents are not greater than the concern of the public and city council which has elevated," Wood said.

Guests will also be invited to committee meetings to present their opinions of whether there is a problem and, if so, what should be done to resolve the problem, Angerer said. Some of these groups will include law enforcement representatives, tavern owners, health care professionals, educators and students.

In the end, the committee will make a recommendation to the city council which will then evaluate the committee's findings.

Congress race begins

By Burton Taylor
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Senator Sam Graves filed for candidacy in the Sixth Congressional District race and attributes the decision to the support he received from the community.

Graves is currently among 10 others in the race for the position vacated by Congresswoman Pat Danner.

"I am quite aware that this race will be one of the most hotly contested races in the country," Graves said. "Nonetheless, I am prepared to work tirelessly for the next 160 days to travel the district meeting the people, listening to their concerns and sharing the vision that I have for the future."

Graves, a Tarkio native, is currently serving his second term that he was re-elected to fill in 1998 as the 12th district state senator. Prior to being re-elected, Graves also served two years in the Missouri House of Representatives.

Among others in the race for the congressional seat are democrats Steve Danner, from Smithville, Tom Mann, from St. Joseph, Sandra Lee Reeves, Kansas City, and Ida Cox, from Platte City. Republicans include Jack C. DeSelms, from Kansas City, Teresa Anne Loar, from Kansas City, John Dady, from Ferrelview, and Jeff Bailey, from Gladstone. Jimmy Dykes, from Holt, is the only liberal currently in the race.

Alcohol denied in Rickenbrode

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

Northwest's Board of Regents voted unanimously not to amend University policy to allow alcohol in the stadium skyboxes at Rickenbrode Stadium in their April 28 meeting.

"From the beginning this was something the president said we needed to get some feedback from the community about," Provost Tim Gilmour said.

Jim Redd, director of athletics, said the decision upholds Northwest's dry-campus policy.

"I certainly respect the decision of the Board of Regents," Redd said. "It's certainly consistent with our alcohol-free policy."

He said the basic design of the facility will not be changed because of the decision. There will still be four to 10 skyboxes, meeting rooms and a clubhouse.

"(The decision) would probably in some cases (hinder the sale of the skyboxes)," Redd said. "In other cases, it might enhance the ability to sell them."

Gilmour said the Board's decision should not affect the utilization of the skyboxes.

"The real benefit of a skybox is to be able to bring people you want together," Gilmour said.

Regardless of whether alcohol will be present in the boxes, Redd said it is always good to bounce ideas off students, faculty and staff to find out the best way to handle a new situation.

"I think it was good to have an open discussion on the subject," Redd said.

Prior to the regents turning the idea down, President Dean Hubbard presented it to various University organizations.

Student Senate was one of the organizations and at a Senate meeting last trimester Senators voted to support the proposal.

The Rickenbrode Stadium skyboxes are expected to be completed in 2002.

Gaunt House to meet requirements

By Josh Flaharty
COPY EDITOR

A renovation project was recently started on the residence of University President Dean Hubbard.

Attention is being given to the Gaunt House in three major areas according to Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

Work is being done on the restroom to make it handicap accessible, the kitchen to improve inefficiencies and a deteriorating exterior wall and the north patio, which was deteriorated to the point of being unsafe, Courter said.

He said an anonymous donor is paying for the entire project, which is expected to be completed by mid-August.

Work is also in progress on the exterior of Colden Hall. Courter said this was routine maintenance which includes replacing missing mortar and damaged bricks and waterproofing the building which was recently renovated.

"This normally would have taken place during the remodeling project, but in this case it wasn't," Courter said. "We're just catching up now."

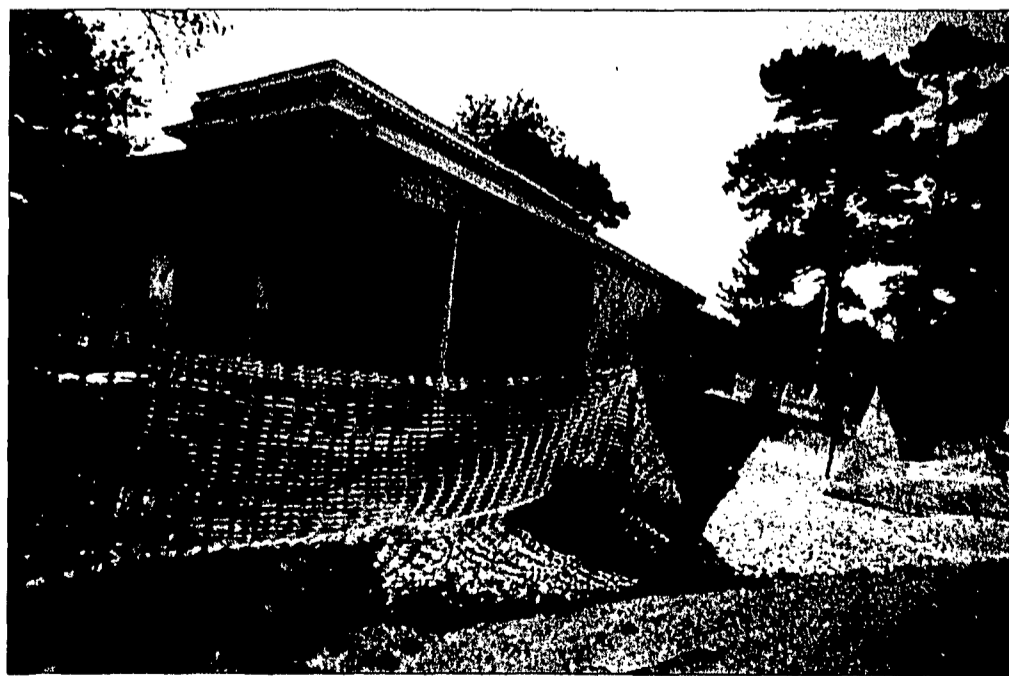
At the same time, work on other projects across campus is continuing on schedule, Courter said.

South Complex should be finished by early July. The project was originally expected to be completed by the start of the spring 2000 trimester, but was delayed because the apartments in Wilson Hall took longer than expected.

The third floor of the Student Union should also be completed by early July. The Board of Regents meeting, scheduled for June 22, is slated to take place in a meeting room on the third floor.

Demolition work is complete on phase one of the Garrett-Strong renovation project. Workers are currently rebuilding the infrastructure, Courter said. This includes the water and sewer pipes, electrical wiring and cabling for telephones and computers.

All of the exterior work is also being done in this



The Gaunt House is being partially renovated to accommodate a new kitchen and bathroom. The kitchen is being installed to allow for catering and the bathroom is being installed to be handicap accessible.

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

phase, which is scheduled for completion in May 2001. Brown Hall are also began receiving attention this summer with a goal of completion in mid-August.

The basement of Brown Hall is being renovated and upgraded, forcing Horrace Mann's classes to be moved to alternate locations.

Courter said with the magnitude of the projects taking place around campus, he is impressed with what is being accomplished.

"Overall, I'm really pleased with the patience everybody has shown and the quality of work of the contractors," he said.

The University will also find out July 1, when the

state appropriations is signed into law, whether funding will be received for work on the Fine Arts Building.

If so, work on the unattached addition could begin as early as September and will be completed by December 2001. After that time, the main building will be closed for approximately 20 months.

During the entire three-year duration of the project, the east half of the parking lot to the south of the building will be closed. Courter said some of the lost parking spaces will be compensated for by converting parallel parking spaces along Third Street into diagonal parking spaces.

Main Street being discussed

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Most University students have gone home for the summer, which relieves some of the traffic congestion at South Main Street. But not all.

City Manager David Angerer said a citizens' committee was formed and a traffic engineer was brought to Maryville to determine ways the city could break up some of the traffic.

The two-lane passage way from Maryville's commercial strip to the majority of its residential neighborhoods is becoming more and more congested as time goes by, Angerer said.

He said with the new development of businesses such as the new Super Walmart and others to come, like the new Burger King, which should be finished in August, the result is more traffic on Main Street.

"We are getting a lot of congestion on Main, but it's kind of a happy problem because it means the city is growing," Angerer said.

Angerer said the citizens' committee developed two primary ways traffic could be alleviated on Main Street.

The first would be to build an alternate route or parallel routes on each side of Main Street. Both of these would extend south to Highway V and would allow traffic to move more easily on Main Street, Angerer said.

Angerer said this is the more extreme of the two plans but also more effective.

"The committee thought it would be kind of like a heart bypass," he said.

The second plan would be to install traffic lights to break up traffic.

The suggested plans for Main Street are not final and will not be until the city council shows its support, Angerer said.



Traffic at the intersection of South Main Street and South Avenue is becoming more and more congested which is why the city has formed a citizens committee to discuss possible solutions to the problem. The committee discussed two possible

port, Angerer said.

However, Angerer also said the problem will not disappear and something will have to be done to fix it.

The addition of new roads would not only benefit traffic-goers, but

has the potential for further development as well.

"By adding new roads it would be open to new development and attract new business and industry," Angerer said.

The estimated cost to pay for the

solutions including an addition to the roadway and the installation of more traffic lights. City Manager David Angerer said both would help break up the traffic but the cost of such a project would need to be addressed.

suggested new roads and traffic lights would total about \$5 to \$6 million, which the city would need to implement a new sales tax to fund, Angerer said.

Angerer estimated about a quarter cent sales tax should be enough

to pay for the new development. "It's not only finding the right solution for the problem but to find the right way to pay for it so people don't get up in arms about it," Angerer said.

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Quality Award stolen

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University's Missouri Quality Award was stolen April 29, graduation day, as what was thought to be an end-of-the-year prank.

The award, enclosed in glass casing in the Administration Building, was taken at around 3 a.m. and discovered missing by the administration at 6:45 a.m., said Clarence Green, Campus Safety director.

According to Provost Tim Gilmour, "one of Northwest's most prized possessions," was stolen leaving only its glass casing in the hall of the Administration Building.

"The interesting thing about it is the glass top is fairly heavy so it probably took a good number of people to take it," Gilmour said.

However, after an investigation initiated by Green, only one man willingly returned the award and other items he had taken as a practical joke.

Quick Read:

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The University's Missouri Quality Award was stolen the day of spring graduation. It was said to be taken around 3 a.m. but was returned a few days later.

"He really went for the gold," Gilmour said of the assailant's choice of items to steal.

The name of the prankster was not revealed as of press time but the suspect will be required to sit in front of the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee to determine

whether he is guilty of the theft.

Green said it is not uncommon for the University to endure practical jokes at the time of graduation, but normally they aren't as serious.

"Very seldom do we have pranks where they steal things of that magnitude," Green said.

Trimester enrollment on rise this summer

Numbers show Web-based, summer block courses gaining popularity with students

By JOSH FLAHERTY
COPY EDITOR

Northwest has seen a 6 percent increase over last year in full time equivalent enrollment for the summer trimester as of Monday.

Figures also show a 9 percent increase in total head count, from 2,285 last year to 2,496 this year.

According to Roger Pugh, dean of enrollment management, these numbers could still change due to students adding and dropping courses.

"Generally, I think we're pretty satisfied with things," Pugh said. "We've got a 6 percent increase in FTE (full time equivalent). We were hoping it would be a little more than that, but we've still got another session."

Provost Tim Gilmour said the numbers were consistent with projected goals.

"We are on target with our enrollment for this year, but our enrollment for the Web-based courses is way above what was projected," Gilmour said.

Pugh said enrollment figures in the online courses are very healthy, with an average of 15 to 25 students in each class. Some classes in American history and philosophy have up to 40 students enrolled.

Gilmour said the online course information site is gaining popularity with faculty.

"Over half our faculty now have some aspect of one or more of their courses on course info (online) and a lot have really embraced it."

Pugh said the University is still learning what students want offered in summer sessions.

"I think we're still really narrowing down as to what we really need to do in the summer," Pugh said. "We're still learning what we need to offer."

Overall response to the trimester system has been mixed. Some people are against them and others are fully supportive, he said.

"I think it offers the students another way to move along the University system a little bit faster," Pugh said.

"Generally, I think we're pretty satisfied with things. We've got a 6 percent increase in FTE (full time equivalent)."

ROGER PUGH

DEAN OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Bearcat to sit out 2 games

By BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwest football player Adam Crowe was fined \$200, and suspended for two Bearcat football games following his Alford Plea to the assault charges filed against him last trimester.

The Alford plea is a precedent plea made by those who do not admit their own guilt but realize that if prosecuted they may be convicted, prosecuting attorney Pat McLaughlin said.

"It's kind of like saying 'I'm not saying I'm guilty but if I went to court there might be enough evidence that the judge might find me guilty,'" McLaughlin said.

Crowe and his attorney Bob Sundell posed the plea in court May 16.

Sundell said that if Crowe had been prosecuted in the end he would not have been found guilty for the assault of Jennifer Potterfield the night of Feb. 19.

"Throughout these proceedings, Adam has maintained his innocence and we are confident that had this matter progressed to trial, Adam would have been acquitted," Sundell said.

Sundell said the reason Crowe opted not to go to trial was to save money on court and lawyer fees as well as time.

Although Crowe was not found guilty, Bearcat Football Coach Mel Tjeerdsma decided to suspend him for two games next fall for his involvement in the incident.

Crowe was a freshman redshirt at the time of the alleged assault and was not expected to start next season, Tjeerdsma said.

The suspension was made following Tjeerdsma's own investigation into the charges.

"I based that on all of the information I could gather through talking to him and talking to his attorney and others involved," he said.

Tjeerdsma said the suspension will not disrupt the morale of the team but the group will have to deal with the incident like any group closely knit like theirs would.

"It's just like a family, any time you have a problem it disrupts things, but at the time you try and help, you don't dwell on those things," he said.

Crowe allegedly assaulted Potterfield, who accused him of verbal, physical and sexual abuse at the time of the incident. However, a friend of Crowe's, Mike Sunderman, said he would have never acted in such a violent way.

The alleged assault became an issue when the two of them went back to Potterfield's home after being at a drinking establishment.

Potterfield's roommate called the police after she heard violent noises coming from another room.

When the police reports were released, both Crowe's and Potterfield's testimonies indicated some sort of violence but differed in certain instances.

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OUR VIEW

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Missourian seeks feedback from campus, community members

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A community newspaper is exactly that. It's about the community and nothing else. It documents the daily lives and activities of people, organizations and public administration.

Although it is read by the residents of Maryville on a weekly basis, we are asking you to take yet another step. *The Missourian* staff is asking for your involvement in the production of your newspaper.

This is the first time in a long time *The Missourian* is printing during the summer. And seeing that summers are normally a time of relaxation and allow for some free time, we ask that if you have a minute to write us.

The Missourian staff appreciates every letter we receive. Residents send letters about anything and everything that goes on in their lives. It may be a letter of joy or a letter of concern, but no matter the subject, good or bad, we listen and in turn, once printed on this page, the general public listens.

One letter particularly stood out in the minds of *The Missourian* staff. It was from a woman who had a son visit her from out of town. The son bought a shirt from the Bearcat Bookstore on the University campus. The woman described how the shirt was too small and that she went to return it. In doing so, she noticed the politeness with which she was treated by the employees.

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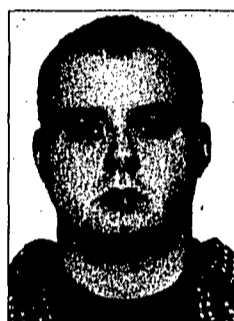
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MY VIEW

Summer films look to entice box-office crowds



BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Summer is a great time of the year for someone like myself. Not only does it entail warm weather and opportunities to be outside more, but it is a great time to catch up on the work that has been going on in Tinseltown.

When movies come out in the summer it exemplifies all the big action and comedy stars who rarely receive any credit from critics and award shows, but these are the people who seem to put a little extra into their movies.

Where else would you go and see a production that spends over \$100 million and is lucky to just break even, only Hollywood.

This summer looks to be as promising, if not better, than summers of the past because of what has come out already. The beginning of May exemplified what to expect this year when Paramount Pictures released "Gladiator."

Even though this movie ran more than three hours, it was a movie that was so involving that you hardly noticed the time.

"Gladiator" may have brought the excitement to adventure fans, but the movie "Road Trip" brought the comedy aspect back to fans.

This movie collaborated the juvenile antics of "Animal House" and merged them with the comedy disgust of "There's Something About Mary" and "American Pie." Viewers rarely had a chance to catch their breath with all the madness and pranks going on in the movie, leaving me wanting more when it ended.

I feel there will be more for those wanting comedy relief this summer with movies like the "Nutty Professor 2" and "Me, Myself and Irene" but "Road Trip" was a good headlining movie for people to get in that mood.

Going back on the action adventure side of the movies, it was miraculous to see Tom Cruise do it again when "Mission Impossible 2" shattered Memorial Day weekend records by claiming its stake at the No. 1 spot.

Not only was this a movie filled with unbelievable stunts and stupendous cinematography, but the plot left audiences questioning what would happen next.

After suffering a setback with last year's summer flop, "Eyes Wide Shut," Cruise emerged back at the top of his game, making the movie a success when he did his own stunts. And believe me there were scenes that left you in awe.

What I have been really impressed with has been the consistency of the movies that have come out this year compared to last year.

Of course the beginning of last year's summer movies was overshadowed by one movie that came out on Memorial Day weekend, "Star Wars, Episode One." "Star Wars" turned out to be anything but a colossal film and did not fulfill its expectations like this year's movies have.

It is good to see that Hollywood did not do the same as they did last year by just hyping one movie at the beginning of the summer.

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MY VIEW

Moving off campus proves more difficult than expected



JOSH FLAHARTY
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Like many other students, I chose to move off campus at the end of April.

Oh, what fun I'll be able to have now. No more quiet hours. I have my own bedroom once again. I'm not sharing the bathroom with 20 other guys. This is going to be great.

The entire time I was living in the residence halls I remember thinking, "Boy, won't it be great when I have my own place. I'll save so much money. After all, rent is only \$190, not \$360."

Then it came time to actually move in and I realized I couldn't have been farther from the truth.

When I tried to have our utilities turned on I was floored by what I encountered. Our phone bill is \$47 a month. Gas, water and electric, of course, depend on how much we use.

Then you have to wait a while for the companies to come hook you up. I lived in my house for six days with no hot water. You'd be surprised how fast you wake up and quickly you can shower when you are doing so in freezing cold water.

A friend of mine went to her basement to change a fuse. When she came back upstairs, she found a note on her front door. She missed her connection with the phone company and stayed unconnected for an extra week and a half.

But that's not all. In order to get the utilities turned on in the first place, you have to pay a deposit for everything. Electricity: \$60. Water: \$75. Phone: \$85. And the kicker was the gas at \$100.

What's that all about? The only thing in our house that uses gas is the hot water heater. Do they think we're going to use that much gas that it justifies that large of a deposit.

Some friends had warned me that there would be some deposits to pay, but I wasn't expecting all this. I was going broke fast and I was expecting to be saving money.

The day I was going through all this a friend told me, "Everyone thinks it will be so easy until they actually get out on their own and try it."

I'm not trying to advocate living in the residence halls for four years. There are some real bonuses to living off campus, but there are some drawbacks.

I would suggest talking to people and getting a feel of what you're facing before you make a decision. You can have a great time living off campus, but be ready to pay a price for all that extra freedom.

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YOUR VIEW

What do you think the city of Maryville should do to alleviate the traffic congestion on South Main Street?



"The only thing is they have to wait for the light to change out there. We can't come up with an answer. I think it needs more lights."

Velda Barnett
Maryville resident



"I would like to see a road that comes around back behind here (Hardees) because you just can't get out and only six cars can get through this light."

Linda Smith
Hardees employee



"I am not sure how they would go by it, but they need to widen the road and maybe make it a four lanes."

Jim Young
Maryville resident



"I think they could go back and make it a four-lane highway. That would take care of a lot of it."

Sandy Cochren
Hardees General Manager



"I believe if they added more lights it would help the problem somewhat."

Sue Drysdale
Maryville resident

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Proposed program to provide information about vehicle performance in accidents concerning front and side collisions

By FIONA RICKER

THE DAILY UNIVERSE (BRIGHAM YOUNG U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — The public has until July 24 to respond to a vehicle rollover rating system proposed by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The DOT introduced the program on May 25 to provide information to the public about the likelihood of specific vehicles to roll over. "It is vital that consumers have information about the comparative rollover risk of various types of vehicles," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater.

The program would provide star ratings for rollover performance, similar to the approach used to provide information about vehicle performance in front and side crashes in the New Car Assessment Program.

Sport utility vehicles and many trucks are constructed with higher ground clearance, which contributes to a higher rollover rate compared to other types of vehicles.

Brad Robbins, general sales manager for Morris Motors in Provo, thinks the rating system would have little effect on consumers' purchases.

Customers never seem concerned about the chance of a rollover when purchasing an SUV or a truck, he said.

"They're unique vehicles, and everybody knows what they are capable of," Robbins said.

Steve Kondris, 24, an English major from Colorado Springs, Colo., recently sold his Chevy Blazer.

"I love SUVs," he said. "There's a chance to roll because of the center of gravity being raised, but I don't think it's that much of an increased danger."

According to the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more

than 9,500 people are killed every year in rollover crashes.

Over 60 percent of the SUV occupants and more than 40 percent of pickup truck occupants killed in 1998 died in crashes when the vehicle rolled over, compared to 22 percent for car occupants.

"They're (SUVs/trucks) top-heavy," said Paul, assistant manager at David Early Tires in Provo.

He believes that the proposed rating system is a good idea, and people will take it into consideration when purchasing a vehicle.

"The driver and the conditions have a lot to do with the likelihood of a rollover," Kondris said.

"I've been very familiar with consumer reports, with their findings on SUVs - I've always looked into it, if one had a really high rating, I would, of course, stay away from it," he said.

Vehicle tests are difficult to draw

concrete conclusions from, Robbins said.

"There's a million variations: degrees, angle, speed - one mile an hour will make a difference," he said.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Rosalyn G. Millman said with the proposed rollover rating system, the public is able to understand crash avoidance potential.

"We know from our crash test ratings that when consumers have information, they buy safety," she said.

According to the NHTSA, the new rollover information program should motivate manufacturers to produce safer, more stable vehicles.

In 1979, when NCAP ratings for frontal crashes began, 33 percent of vehicles achieved a four- or five-star rating, compared to 85 percent in 1997.

Final decisions concerning the program, set to begin with Model Year 2001, will be made later this year.

"It is vital that consumers have information about the comparative rollover risk of various types of vehicles"

RODNEY E. SLATER
U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY



Sue Seipel, St. Gregory's first-grade teacher, accepts a Teacher of the Year award presented to her from Walmart Stores, Inc. The annual award was presented Tuesday in front of her students and peers. This the third year St. Gregory Elementary School has received the award. Seipel, who also presented a check for \$500 to spend in her classroom. Seipel said the award is something

she never expected. "I feel like it is an honor to be able to enrich the lives of children in the Maryville community and strive to enhance their education," Seipel said. "To me that's what it is all about, but I don't look at myself as a teacher of the year. It's just unreal." Each year Walmart sponsors the event awarding thousands of dollars to teachers across the nation.

Hot weather forces local farmers to move cattle on reserved land

by BURTON TAYLOR
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"It's too darn hot," a lyric from the musical Kiss Me Kate, can easily be applied to the Midwest as of late.

So easily said Jim Nance, executive director of the department of agriculture's regional office in Maryville, that even in the earliest part of summer they are already taking extreme measures in attempt to save cattle and pasture land.

"The rain we got (last week), a lot of that is already gone so now we are getting pretty close to a critical situation," Nance said.

Because of the heat, the pastures are not growing like normal and farmers are running out of places to allow the livestock to feed.

Two measures have been taken by the department to assist area farmers with managing their cattle and pasture land in the area.

The first is the Conservation Reserve Program which allows farmers the opportunity to use seeded land for grazing for 10 years. However, the option does not come without a price. Normally farmers receive \$65 to \$80 an acre from the government but with this plan that amount is reduced by about \$16 to \$24.

Nance said although there is a price connected with the program, it could be worse. "It's pretty expensive grazing the livestock but it is better than selling the livestock," he said.

The second measure Nance said the de-



Cattle have been moved to grazing land that they were not planned to eat from as part of a government program helping area farmers.

partment took was filing for the Emergency Conservation Program which is intended to help farmers with the cost of water. Nance said the government will pay for up to 64 percent of farmers' water so they can more easily afford to feed the cattle.

Another issue farmers will have to deal with in the near future if the dry weather continues is the survival of their crops.

Nance said right now the crops are doing all right, but they are in dormant state where they are not growing.

"It's kind of in a survival mode right now and we need quite a bit more moisture before it's going to grow," Nance said.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Investigate long-term care options

EDWARD JONES
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During the past several months, Congress has started paying attention to an issue that's already on the minds of millions of Americans — long-term care insurance.

Some legislators have proposed ways in which the government could provide tax breaks for individuals purchasing long-term care policies.

As with any new laws, however, those pertaining to long-term care may take years to enact. You may want to act sooner to protect yourself and your family from the potentially devastating costs of an extended nursing home stay. On average, a year in a nursing home costs \$40,000 and it can cost twice that much in some major metropolitan areas, according to the Health Insurance Association of America.

Of course, you may never need any long-term care services. But why take a chance on incurring costs that can deplete your financial resources and possibly cause great hardships to your family? An appropriate long-term care policy can give you the protection you need. And the earlier you purchase such a policy, the lower your annual premiums will be.

When you shop around for coverage, look for the following important features:

Inflation protection — Long-term care costs are expected to rise.

To ensure adequate coverage, look for a policy that offers inflation protection. Some policies allow you to increase coverage every few years, while others do so automatically.

Appropriate benefit period — Few people need lifetime benefits. In fact,

less than 2 percent of nursing-home residents stay in a facility more than five years, although some conditions, such as Alzheimer's, obviously warrant longer stays. When choosing a policy, you'll probably want three to six years' worth of coverage.

Waiver of premiums — This provision allows you to stop paying premiums during the time you receive benefits. Make sure you carefully read the policy for any restrictions, such as a required minimum stay.

Nonforfeiture benefits — This benefit returns some of your payments if you drop your coverage. You can choose to receive a refund in cash, usually as a percentage of the premiums paid. You also can elect to continue your coverage, but with a reduced daily payment amount.

Keep in mind that a nonforfeiture benefit, while valuable, can significantly add to your policy's cost.

Home health care — Not everyone needs to go into a nursing home to receive long-term care assistance.

Look for a policy that pays benefits for home health care as well as for nursing home.

These are only some of the key provisions to watch for in a long-term care policy. You may want to consult with a financial professional to help you pick the right policy for your specific needs.

One final thought: Consider talking to your parents about long-term care, too. It's not an easy subject to discuss, but it could benefit everyone.

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SPORTS SHORTS

All-America selections highlight spring sports

Northwest outfielder junior Adam Bailey earned the second team All-America honors.

The American Baseball Coaches Association awarded him the honor.

Bailey finished the season with a .417 average.

He hit 18 home runs, a new Northwest single-season record, and notched 37 extra-base hits for the season. Bailey drove in 61 runs and his slugging percentage was .818.

Pole vaulter receives, national recognition

Senior Tommy Leslie earned All-America honors at the NCCA Division II Track and Field Championships on May 20.

Leslie competed in the pole vault and took a seventh-place finish at the championships. He cleared a height of 15-feet 7-inches in the event. Earlier this year, he was also named All-America after placing in the pole vault at the indoor national championships.

The only other Bearcat competing at the national championships was senior April House. House finished 17th in the long jump, turning in a leap of 17-feet 11 and 3/4 inches.

'Cats tennis coach named to ITA Board of Directors

Northwest men's and women's head tennis coach Mark Rosewell has been appointed to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Board of Directors, effective July 1.

"I am very honored to be named to this very prestigious position," Rosewell said. "It has taken me 20 years to get to this position, so I'm very proud. I feel I can do a lot for the MIAA as far as representation on a national level."

Rosewell will be one of four Division II members of the ITA Board of Directors. His responsibilities on the board will include selection of championship sites, ITA regional championships, rankings and other administrative duties.

Boys' Basketball camp to be conducted at MHS

The excitement for summer hoops will come to reality for those wishing to participate in the Maryville boys' basketball camp.

The camp, which will be conducted July 10-13 at Maryville High School gymnasium, will be instructed by Spoofhounds head coach Mike Kuwitsky. Admission for each attendant is \$12 and should be made payable to Maryville R-II High School.

There will be three different levels in which grades 9 to 12 will be pitted together and will practice from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by grades 3 to 5 at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and grades 6 to 8 participating from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will be July 10 an hour prior to each practice. Forms must be filled out before registration with a current physical and proof of insurance for grades 9 to 12.

Northwest kicker signs with Green Bay Packers

The Green Bay Packers have agreed to contractual terms with former Northwest free agent kicker Dave Purnell.

Purnell, who went to camp on a tryout basis, was a four-year letterman at Northwest, taking over the kicking assignment after three games in his freshman season and registering 357 career points while helping the 'Cats win back-to-back national championships.

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound Parkville native scored 123 points in his 1999 senior season, his single-season best, making 18-of-27 field goals attempted and all 69 extra points.

He previously scored 62 points as a freshman in 1996, 96 in 1997 and 111 in 1998. Purnell closed out his collegiate career with 50 completions in 67 field goal attempts and 219 conversions in 232 extra point attempts.

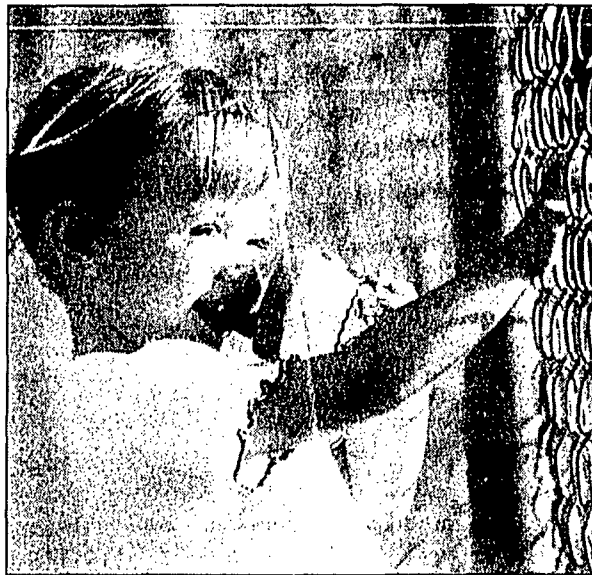
Women's track welcomes new runner to team

Northwest head women's track and field coach Vicki Wooton has announced the signing of Amanda Neneman to a national letter-of-intent.

Neneman, who attended Daniel J. Gross High School, is from Omaha, Neb.

She won the Class B 100-meter hurdles at the Nebraska State Track and Field Championships and was recently fourth in the all-class competition in that race.

She also took third place in the 300-meter hurdles in the Class B championships. Neneman will be a freshman Bearcat next fall.



Kennedy Sportsman and her brother Tim Miller cheer their dad John Sportsman during the softball game Tuesday evening.

Summer leagues kicking off



Shortstop Rick Wilmes of Archer Auto attempts to throw out the batter going to first base during a game Tuesday evening.

Archer Auto lost the game to Lucky's by a final score of 5-4. The next league games are 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Beal Park.

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

As spring is quickly turning into summer the Maryville Parks and Recreation sports leagues are once again heating up with competition and excitement.

The men's and women's softball league is a sport enjoyed by many of the people in the surrounding area. Four leagues of 35 teams make up the men's league which consists of an A-League, B League, C-1 League and C-2 League.

Teams on the A-League are the more experienced teams that have kept the same consistent players the longest, while the other leagues consist of teams that are younger with players that have not participated together, Recreation Coordinator Renae Sturm said.

"The leagues are very competitive and the (teams' records) were pretty close last year and by shaping the leagues the way we have them now we are hoping for them to be as competitive as they were last year," Sturm said. "We don't like to put levels on teams because a first-year team may have a great year, but that is how things happened."

The sport has been entertaining people since the late 1940s when a summer recreation director was hired to conduct activities such as softball and baseball.

The leagues, which have individuals starting at the age of 15, participate in a 12-game seasons that began in May and will end in July with a post-season single-elimination tournament and a trophy going to the first-place finisher.

"We have good responses from the teams in having them play three nights a week (Tuesday through Thursday) because there are times when you have something else to do," Sturm said.

Softball is an important sport for many players, who participate in district competition to qualify in the Amateur Softball Association championships in Columbia.

"There is a resounding amount of people who love to play softball and love to compete," Sturm said. "Playing in competitive weekend tournaments and in districts gives a lot of people the chance to see how good they are against others and help themselves to get better."

As with many sport leagues, problems of seeing eye-to-eye with officials leads many players to protest occasionally causing problems, Sturm said.

However, Sturm said the majority of teams consist of the sportsmanship that makes the summer league successful year in and out. And, with more participation from new faces, she believes that it will get nothing but stronger.

Holmes to head north

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

Former Northwest wide receiver Seneca Holmes signed a free-agent contract with the Canadian Football League's Saskatchewan Roughriders last Thursday.

Holmes was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer last season for Northwest. He ranked fourth on the team in receiving last season, pulling in 17 passes for 278 yards and one touchdown. Holmes came alive in the NCAA Division II playoffs, grabbing 22 receptions for 374 yards and two touchdowns. He also returned kickoffs and punts for the Bearcats.

Although he played slot at Northwest, Holmes will likely be an outside wide receiver for Saskatchewan.

"I think this is a great opportunity for me, especially after talking to some people who have played up there," Holmes said. "It is a lot bigger field, 150 yards long and 65 yards wide, and that is a great opportunity for someone my size, with my speed."

Holmes said he is glad to have the opportunity with the Roughriders. A high school friend of his had a tryout with the squad and invited Holmes to come along.

"I ran some good 40s, ran some good routes and showed them a highlight tape," Holmes said. "This was about the last thing to come



Former Northwest wide receiver Seneca Holmes signed a free-agent contract with the Canadian Football League's Saskatchewan Roughriders last Thursday.

along for me, so I'm very fortunate that it came through."

Holmes said he feels good about his chances to make the team and hopes to move to another level after his time in the CFL.

"This is a really good stepping stone to try to get back and play here in the States," he said. "I feel great and I feel really confident that

I can make this squad. There is no doubt in my mind that I can play at that level."

Holmes reported to mini-camp in Saskatchewan on Monday. The team's regular training camp will open Saturday and will play exhibition games on June 21 and June 27, before the regular season opens in July.

Northwest hires new basketball assistant

Coach fills in for void left by Chris Johnson

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

Northwest announced the hiring of Darren Vorderbruegge as an assistant men's basketball coach Monday. Vorderbruegge replaces Chris Johnson, who was the Bearcats' assistant coach for the past six years.

Vorderbruegge has 13 years of high school coaching experience. He comes to Northwest after five seasons as the head coach at Wichita Northwest High School.

He guided Wichita Northwest to an 18-7 mark last season, a fourth place finish in the Kansas 6A State Championships and was named Greater Wichita Athletic League Coach of the Year.

Vorderbruegge's 1999 squad was 13-10 overall and finished in a tie for fifth place in Kansas 6A basketball.

He also served as an assistant at Wichita Northwest for three seasons.

Prior to his stint at Wichita Northwest, he was the head coach at Hoisington (Kansas) High School from 1989 to 93. He served as an assistant coach at West Elk High School from 1987 to 89.

Vorderbruegge also has experience coaching football, track and field, cross country and volleyball at the high-school level.

"I am very excited to be here," Vorderbruegge said. "This is a big chance and a big challenge for me, coming from the high school ranks. It is a change in my personal life as well as professionally. But I think it will be a change for the better."

"Many coaches when they get

their break and get to this level, aren't always as fortunate to be with a program that is as successful and established as this one. I wouldn't be moving my family and leaving my hometown if it weren't for a chance to win with a program like this and a person like Coach Tappmeyer."

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said Vorderbruegge will be a good fit in the Northwest program.

"One of the big keys to our success has been the contribution of our coaching staff," Tappmeyer said.

"We were losing a heck of a coach in Chris Johnson. We felt we had to find a special type of coach to fill his shoes. We're excited about Darren being a part of our staff. He has great recruiting ties and is a very good on-floor coach."

Johnson left the Northwest in pursuit of other challenges and moved to Dallas, Texas with his wife.

According to Johnson, he may have the opportunity with the National Basketball Association's Dallas Mavericks as a scout.

He has also explored the possibility of volunteering as an assistant coach at Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas-Arlington or the University of North Texas.

Vorderbruegge, whose hiring is pending the approval of the Board of Regents, will teach in the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance department at Northwest in addition to his duties on the court.

Central Missouri awarded best MIAA athletic university for 1999-'00

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

On the strength of six first-place finishes in the conference, Central Missouri State University was awarded the 1999-2000 MIAA All-Sports Trophy at the MIAA Awards Banquet conducted in conjunction with the MIAA Spring Meetings.

It is the second time in as many years Central won the award. Northwest won in 1997.

The All-Sports Trophy honors the top program in the conference.

Institutions use their top four finishes in the men's championship events and four finishes in women's championships. It was reintroduced in 1998, after not being awarded since 1979.

Points are awarded in each sport on an ascending scale, with one point for a first-place finish, two points for a second-place finish, etc. The program with the lowest point total receives the award for its accomplishments.

Regular season competition is

used for the sports of football, volleyball, golf, women's soccer and basketball. Postseason finishes are used in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, baseball, softball and tennis.

Indoor and outdoor track and field are scored as half and the two scores combined to count as one event.

Central Missouri passed Truman State University for the award. Central logged 10.5 points, while Truman State recorded 20 points.

Northwest was third with 25.5 points.

Central Missouri's top four men's finishes used in computing the total were in cross country (first), golf (first), baseball (first) and track and field (first indoors/ second outdoors). On the women's side, finishes used were volleyball (first), cross country (first), soccer and women's basketball (first).

Truman State's men's scoring came in cross country (third), tennis (third), track and field (fourth

outdoors and indoors) and golf (fifth). On the women's side, the Bulldogs scored in women's soccer (first), track and field (first indoors and outdoors), softball (first) and volleyball (second).

Northwest's scored points in football (first), tennis (second), basketball (third) and baseball (fourth) on the men's side, and tennis (tied for third), volleyball (tied for third), soccer (fourth) and track and field (fourth indoors/ fifth outdoors) on the women's side.

Your Man picks Ultimate Choice

Ladies and gentlemen, Your Man is Back! Not like a sequel to a great movie but like that annoying rash you had to go to Health Services about.

Welcome to Northwest, Your Ultimate Choice ... unless of course you're drunk on a typical Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night up at the local 'night clubs.' Then the Ultimate Choice would be to head to the after hours party the DJ announced that is actually within walking distance and skip class the next morning. Or go back to your pad, pass out for a few hours and then go to class with a hangover equal to the one you had after the Bearcats won their second straight national title.

Yes folks, once again Your Man is a pathetic excuse for a cool guy. First off to get the rumors out of the way, I'm male, recently heartbroken, in debt, beer gut in check and occasionally likely to enjoy my spare time drinking my life away with my other loser friends. This isn't a plea for a date. It's more of a warning for the light hearted students out there that enjoy Northwest as much as I do that I'm bitter, sarcastic and own a list of people I will make fun of. By the way, if you get upset at what I say, bring it to Student Senate. They'll discuss it



THE STROLLER

For endless hours, wait for the president to give his opinion, listen to how others from the cabinet agree 110 percent with the president, and then rubber-stamp something they are clueless about. And whining in letters to *The Northwest Missourian* editor will just entice me to poke even more fun at you, so nahnahnagbooboo.

Your Man would like to make a plea all of the lonely guys out there that don't think they have a chance with college women. Come to Northwest during the summertime your chances will get better. The feeling around here is much more relaxed. No major Greek functions going on, no athletes strutting their stuff too much, and less clothing!

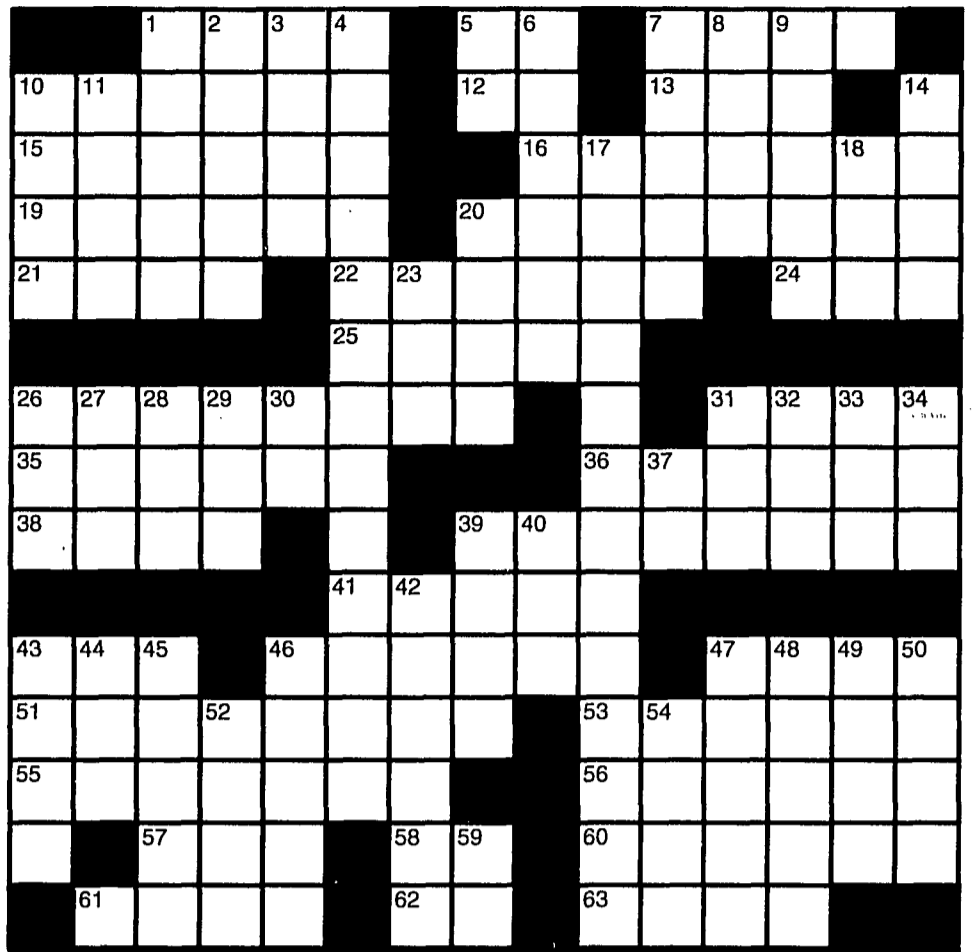
People in your classes will actually talk to you, rather than about you. Why? Because the chips on everyone's shoulders have magically disappeared. That and their significant others have left for the summer. But I wouldn't recommend you be here during Greek Weekend. That ditzy sorority girl that actually kissed you because she felt sorry for you (and the fact that her friends all had hook-ups and she was feeling fat) will surprisingly become the fraternity hooch she once was. Don't feel bad though, if you want stories about Your Man's experiences, just buy me a round.

Now before you guys start agreeing with me, don't forget that I have the rest of the summer to talk about you. And since Your Man is not as fraternity inclined as you are, you are in trouble.

Your Man's weekly words to live by: If it comes to dropping another class and waiting another semester to graduate, who cares, as long as Burger King opens in that time!

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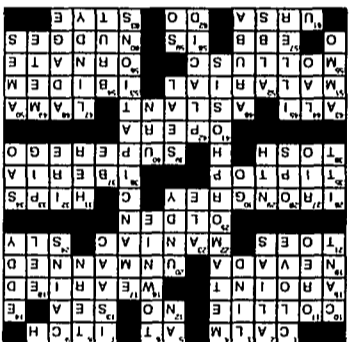
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1. Before the storm
5. "She'll be there" 3 p.m.
7. Seven year
10. Lassi
12. Opposite of Yes
13. There are seven
15. Begone!
16. Mentally exhausted
19. State next to California
20. Without people
21. A ballerina dances here
22. Madman
24. Wily
25. Long ago times
26. Hair color
31. Rose
35. The highest point
36. Spain and Portugal
38. To neat
39. The conscience
41. Carmen, e.g.
43. Baha

DOWN

1. Piece of garlic
2. False name
3. Opera singer Jerry
4. Change from one stage to another
5. Actinon chemical symbol
6. One not living on campus
7. Managing editor of "Sports Night"
8. Sea bird
9. Percentages of Irish farm crops
10. Whining speech
11. Nabisco cookie
14. Whirl
17. States of being free
18. Elongated fish
23. Malt beverage
26. Hotel parent company
27. "Learn it to"
28. Roman Goddess of plenty
29. A degree
30. Pass this and get \$200
31. Female
32. Rage
33. Young swine
34. Portuguese saint
37. To occupy a space
39. A stamp
40. Where ashes lie
42. A NY lake
43. Military supplies

44. A people of Northern Thailand
45. Sicker
46. Island in the New Indies
47. A '30s dance
48. A traditional saying
49. Allot
50. Singing brothers
52. Priestly garments
54. After shave brand



Weekend Weather

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